

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in full response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 22, 2004, in which a number of claims have been allowed and the remaining claims have been found to be allowable. Accordingly, and on the merits of the above-identified case, re-consideration of this application is hereby requested.

To begin, the Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 12 through 22. Additionally, the Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of the remaining claims, namely, claims 1 through 11, and his indication that these claims will be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite and failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as his invention. As a final matter, the Applicant notes that the Examiner has stated that the prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure.

In response to the Office Action, the Applicant has amended a number of the claims, namely, claims 1-2, 4-6, and 10-11, in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions, to address and overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

As such, the Applicant believes that each of these claims, and each claim dependent therefrom, either directly or indirectly, are now in condition for immediate allowance.

Additionally, the Applicant has amended other claims, namely, claims 12, 14-15, and 20-21, to address minor typographical and grammatical errors. Finally, the Applicant has amended the specification to address minor typographical errors, as well as to delete an inaccurate statement therein, and Figure 12 of the drawings has been amended to remain consistent in light of the deleted portion of the specification.

Accordingly, based on the foregoing Amendments and Remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his position with regard to the present application. Since nowhere in the art is this new, novel and non-obvious invention found, taught, or suggested, it is urged that this case is now clearly in condition for allowance and, accordingly, such action is respectfully solicited.

In the event that any fee may be required by the filing of this paper, an Authorization to Charge Fees to Deposit Account, **Deposit Account No. 13-1227**, is being filed concurrently with this Amendment. Please note that our **Docket No. is 1.307.04**.

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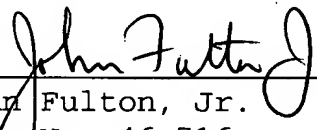
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Amendments to the Drawing:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 12. This sheet, which includes Figures 12 and 13, replaces the original sheet including Figures 12 and 13. In Figure 12, element 254 shown in phantom lines as well as the corresponding reference character and reference line have been removed.

Attachments: One (1) Replacement Sheet.

One (1) Annotated Sheet Showing Changes.